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YORKTOWN TO THE FRONT. Big Deal Again Reported.

Last Thursday's Hampton Monitor has the following very interesting story, that is, if it proves to be true: "An authentic report reached here this afternoon that the president of the Fall River (Mass.) Ship Building Company had purchased the Yorktown Cement Plant."

"The first news came in a long distance message to a local promoter saying that the news had been put on the bulletin board of a Richmond afternoon paper."

"Those on the inside have been looking for such an announcement and it is declared to be of considerable importance."

"It makes a tail road to Yorktown practically certain. Speculation is now rife as to which of the three proposed roads will be the first to enter Yorktown; the Hampton-Yorktown, Newport News, or the Chesapeake and Ohio."

"The first road is being projected by Judge Sidney J. Dudley. He said this afternoon he had known of the proposed deal for some time and its becoming public was virtually consummation. Asked as to what proposed railway the deal would likely favor a six and half mile spur of the Chesapeake and Ohio from Lee Hall. This would naturally preclude the other roads."

"Tuesday's Newport News Daily Press prints a statement from President George W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, confirming in part the reports of deals at Yorktown and the building of a spur track from Lee Hall. The Press says:

"That the reported organization of a Massachusetts corporation to take over the properties of the Yorktown Cement Company is in fact a reality was confirmed yesterday when it was learned from President George W. Stevens, of that company, that the new owners of the mill beds, the waterfront property and the chemical plant are negotiating with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for a spur track from Lee Hall to Yorktown. The preparations for putting the industry in operation are evidently being pushed by those behind the project, as when wired several days ago by this paper for a statement as to whether or not his company had been asked to build a spur track to Yorktown, President Stevens wired back that he knew nothing of the matter."

"Mr. Stevens yesterday also confirmed the report that Francis T. Bowles, president of the Fore Shipbuilding Company, is head of the new company. However, so far as can be learned, the cement proposition has nothing to do with the shipbuilding company, and so far as can be learned the Fore River Company has no idea of giving its plant to Virginia, although a better location for a shipyard could hardly be found than the waterfront at Yorktown."

"President Stevens said that his company had offered to build the spur to Yorktown as requested provided the cement company will secure all of the rights of way and the necessary grading along the route of the track. The matter of the right of way through the property of the Old Dominion Land Company has been taken up with representatives of that company."

Remembers His Alma Mater

New York City, N. Y. April 15. Editor The Gazette:

Thinking a few lines from Gotham would be acceptable to your paper, and having sat with you in the history class at dear old William and Mary in 1889-91, our thoughts often float down the dim vista of the past when we a careless youth drank at its pierian fountain of learning.

As the time has passed, we often repeat to ourself the Ode of Horace that we learned so well under Dr. Wharton: "Alas, alas, my Postumus, how the fleeting years glide on. Even virtue cannot stay the ravages of time, and wasting age and death that overcome us all."

Our pilgrimage here has been varied, and competition is closer than anywhere else, yet after living here for these many years we find we could live nowhere else. We sometimes meet students from the college, among them are the Van Ness brothers and W. L. and W. P. Harris, electrical engineers. We sometimes hear from our room mate, (of the Brafferton) J. H. Kemp, now a senator of Nebraska. Last year we visited the Dold brothers at their magnificent home, River Crest, L. I. and Christmas we called on Mr. W. E. Dold but found him not at home. Our object in calling on him was to try and interest him and the Northern Lights both in New York and adjacent cities to form an alumni for New York City. There are quite a good many up here and it does seem that we all could get together once a year and get acquainted and talk of college days. Other colleges have alumni here. We are great believers in keeping the college spirit up, and if such an alumni could be formed here we hope the college would publish a roster of names and addresses in its catalogue.

I am sure such an alumni of the Northern Lights would not only be pleasant to each of us, but would advertise the college.

I always enjoy meeting anyone from Virginia and the south and especially from the college. In our conversation with the Yankee we always allude to the south as God's country, for no where are there a better people, a truer, or hospitable than they. I truly am proud of my nativity and my alma mater.

We had hoped to visit the college in June on our way home to Orange county, but find we will be unable, going to Yale instead. Hope to come next year and meet you all and see the college and its professors, especially Pres. Tyler, who grounded us in civil government, and Prof. Hall, of history and English, and then Prof. Stubbs from whom we learned interest, and especially percentage, for if one knows percentage here and is practical and conservative they will succeed.

The political pot is boiling here and it is hard to say how things will shape themselves. We talk with quite many from Europe and here and all seem to think that we need a change of administration.

We meet quite many from Virginia and hear the news from down there. We are sorry the legislature failed to pass the suffrage's bill, for we champion the side of the ladies and hope they will win out. We are glad to see the people are waking up to the fact that good roads are necessary and hope the road from Washington to Richmond will pass by Culpeper and Orange instead of through Stafford. We were also glad that the Jordan bill failed. Local option is all right but never prohibition. Good roads and education will advance the south as nothing else has ever done.

Now, Mr. Editor, we will bring this article to a close, hoping some from the college and especially our friend and classmate, Prof. Bridges, may read this article in regard to the forming of a social society or alumni here of all the Northern Lights.

In our pilgrimage here we have had dear ones taken from us and at times feel very sad, but we often turn to the piece of the Hoosier poet: Just let us be glad; Can we know another morrow will be sad? Let us lay away our fears, And put aside our foolish tears, And through all the coming years, Just be glad.

Winners of Schoolday Honors

The following are the names of those who won prizes on "Schoolday" at Charles City courthouse on April 26th, 1912.

Athletics: Eddie Orange, Dewey Marable, Barton Haxall, Spencer Blanks, Avery Waddill, Milton Lamkins, Arthur Mellon, Walker Huxter, Robert Reynolds.

Composition: Mary Marston, Elva Stagg, Ashton Hughes, Thomas Ruffin, Lora Miles, Foster Saunders.

Wood work: Herbert Rollison, Thomas Warburton, Sidney Green, Barton Haxall, Whitehurst Hubbard. Map Work: Roland Barnett, Randolph Ruffin, Spencer Blanks.

Cooking: Ophelia Marable, Margaret Knutson, Barton Haxall, Emma Gill, Hazel Sorenson, Jean Clark.

Sewing: Best Dressed Doll: Agnes Wolf, Elenore Clark, Margie Adams.

Fancy Work: Olga Knutson, Bessie Johnson, Marion Mellon, Gladys Jordan, Blanche New, Anne Wolf.

Plain Sewing: Mary Marston, Ophelia Marable, Ada Miles, Ellen Rollison, Emma Gill.

Mr. T. N. Hubbard, Willcox Wharf, Va., offered a special prize of a five dollar gold piece for the best piece of woodwork done by boys between the ages of 7 and 12. This special prize was won by Barton Haxall who made a towel rack.

"Schoolday" in Charles City was attended by a large crowd. Every school in the county brought an exhibit of work done this term.

Addresses were made by Dr. Davis, Rev. B. F. Robinson, and Mr. J. D. Eggleston, Supt. of Public Instruction.

There were fifty-seven prizes given out of a sum of fifty-four dollars and forty cents. This money was given by Co. School Board and private subscription.

Mill Employees Arriving.

New employees for the Williamsburg knitting mill are daily arriving and it is thought that a full complement will be on duty within the next few weeks. Mr. Dixon, the head bookkeeper, was out of town looking for female operatives last week, and while he succeeded in securing only a limited number, he believes others of the old employees will finally report here. The old force is well scattered, and many of them have good places which they are loth to give up. But some of these will eventually come back to the Williamsburg mill.

In the meantime, if there are any women or girls in this section who want remunerative employment, they are asked to make immediate application. The places will all soon be filled and there should be no waiting. It has been currently reported that colored girls would be put to work here, if white girls could not be employed. This is strenuously denied at the mill. Two more car loads of machinery were received at the mill last week, and is being put in place.

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Yorktown Historical Society

Yorktown, Va., May 6.—The Yorktown Historical Society of the United States held a meeting here in the place of the regular meeting which should have been October 19, the time for the election of officers, but which had to be postponed, owing to the inability of the president and other officers to attend.

The meeting was one of the most satisfactory ever held by the society. It was called to order at 12 o'clock (noon) by the president, Major Henry Reed Hatfield, in the historic old Nelson mansion. Col. Oswald Tilghman of Maryland, the first vice president, addressed the meeting and also read some highly interesting papers on the siege of Yorktown—one paper, the "Diary" kept by his grandfather, Col. Tench Tilghman, was particularly interesting. Col. Tench Tilghman was aid to Gen. Washington, and the officer sent by him to convey the news to the Congress at Philadelphia of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. This "Diary" kept by Col. Tench Tilghman of the siege of Yorktown will be published and distributed by the society.

The Society resolved to have the annual celebration here on the 19th of October, 1912, on a much larger and grander scale than heretofore and appointed a committee, with Conway H. Sheild as chairman, to make the necessary arrangements.

The following officers were elected:

President and Treasurer—Major Henry Reed Hatfield, of Philadelphia.

First Vice-President—Col. Oswald Tilghman, of Maryland.

Second Vice-President—Dr. Henry Morris, of Philadelphia.

Historian—Dr. George Washington Dame, of Baltimore.

General Counsel, Conway H. Sheild, of Yorktown.

Secretary, Mrs. Carroll VanNess, of Baltimore.

Mrs. J. A. Bechtel, of York, was elected assistant secretary.

The Board of Governors remained as formerly with the addition of the Count de Chambrun, an attache of the French Embassy at Washington, and a lineal descendant of the Marquis de Lafayette. The president reported several very desirable new members, persons of highest social and literary standing.

After the meeting, an elaborate luncheon was served.

Confederate Memorial Exercises

Annual Memorial exercises were held in Bruton Parish churchyard Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the orator of the occasion being Rev. Dr. J. T. Whitley, pastor of the Williamsburg Methodist church. The exercises were held under the auspices of the Williamsburg Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy, with a goodly number of old veterans present. The daughters, veterans and school children assembled on Court Green and marched to the churchyard. Patriotic songs were sung and the soldiers' graves were strewn with lovely flowers, many wreaths being laid on the Palace Green monument.

After the service in the churchyard, the graves in the soldiers' section of Cedar Grove cemetery were decorated. Memorial day here is held on the anniversary of the battle of Williamsburg, or as near that day as possible.

Lame back is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the back, for which you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

Notes Here and There

Mr. E. H. Proctor, chairman of the Orphan's Committee of the Junior Order, went to Norfolk Tuesday evening to attend a meeting of the committee. At the same time there will be a meeting of the State Councils of New York, New Jersey, District of Columbia and Virginia.

Max Levinson, the Newport News meat packer, was circulating in this section again this week, buying stock. He says he finds cattle and hogs scarce but is getting some good lambs. Prospects are fine for the fall season. Mr. Levinson says the Peninsula is going to be one of the greatest stock sections of the state and that its future is very promising. He also says the farmers are doing much better now than ever before.

Two homeseekers from far away Texas were in Williamsburg the first of the week, having come to the Peninsula to look over farm lands. Another from West Virginia was also here this week. He reports that there are some fifteen families who would like to locate on Virginia farms.

The celebration of Jamestown Day has been changed from the 13th to the 15th, on account, we understand, of the schoolchildren, who would otherwise be prevented from attending.

It is reported on apparently good authority that Carter's Grove has again changed hands, or rather that Mr. A. G. Harwood, of Grove, has purchased the interest of S. R. Curtis and R. G. Bickford. No deed has been filed, however.

Mr. Henri Mouquin has been in New York for several days on business.

An attractive booth just at the end of the wharf will dispense refreshments at Jamestown on the occasion of the celebration. There will be ice cream, lemonade, soda water, cake, sandwiches, etc., in abundance. The new dancing pavilion will be open for those who wish to indulge in a dance. Some James City ladies will have charge, and your patronage will be appreciated.

Mr. William Lee, of Grove, formerly chairman of the James City board of supervisors, was in town on business last Monday. Mr. Lee says he is watching for the reports of the county board and is wondering why none are forthcoming.

Cashier H. N. Phillips was at Toano Monday on business.

Commonwealth's Attorney N. L. Henley has a handsome new automobile, it having arrived the first of the week. His makes the twelfth in town, and three more are ordered.

Next Tuesday night some ten automobiles will convey about forty Odd Fellows, members of Hamilton Lodge, to Newport News, to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge. They will have supper in Newport News, returning home sometime during the night.

Mr. G. W. Thorpe has ordered a car load of agricultural line which he and his neighbors will use on their corn crops this spring. This order is in the nature of an experiment and if found successful, much more will be used another year.

Mr. B. S. Joynes, of Norfolk, is expected here Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wolfe.

The Rev. M. J. Hoover spent Monday at Hardin-on-the-James and expressed himself as much pleased with his visit.

Manager Wolfe, of the Williamsburg Amusement Co., is getting things in shape for the proposed new theatre which he will build for his moving picture shows. The matter of location is now being considered and when that is decided upon plans for the building will be drawn.

SUPERVISORS FIX RATE. Levy for 1912-13 is Laid.

The James City county board of supervisors met here Tuesday, instead of Monday, the meeting day having been changed owing to a death in the family of the clerk. Those present were James B. Valden, chairman, presiding; John A. Barnes, of Powhatan, and Arthur J. Johnson, of Stonehouse. The important business before the board was the laying of the 1912-13 levy and fixing the rate of taxation. The old rate of \$1.15 was allowed to stand for next year.

There was some division on the rate for 1912-13. Mr. Barnes advocating a reduction of five cents for county purposes. When the final vote was taken he was in the hopeless minority. The new levy fixes 30 cents for county and 30 cents for district schools; 20 cents for roads, and 45 cents for general county purposes. A majority of the board held that the county could not afford to reduce the tax rate this year and carry out any system of improvement to schools and roads and meet the running expenses. County paper is now at a discount, and even the salaries of the county officers remain unpaid, unless the warrants are taken to bank and discount paid thereon. People doing work for the county are not paid because there is no money to pay them. Road warrants, as well as warrants for salaries have to be discounted at bank or held till the treasurer has the money, which is inconvenient to those holding the paper. Then there is no surplus to meet an emergency, should one arise. These conditions actuated the majority of the board in voting to keep the present rate another year.

The board provided for public schools handsomely. In the estimate submitted by Superintendent Hoover was \$2000 for an addition of two rooms to the Toano high school building and the salary of two more teachers. This fund is made up of \$1000 each from Powhatan and Stonehouse. Other items in the school estimate are a two-room school for white children at Grove, and a consolidated school for colored children at Croaker.

The board directed that state aid be applied for to the amount of \$600, which is to be met by \$450 out of the county depositum and \$150 out of Stonehouse district road fund, for the Norge to Croaker road. This will give \$1200 for the building of the road, which penetrates a populous section.

The clerk of the board was directed to purchase a new road machine for the county roads.

Viewers were appointed to locate a route for a new piece of road between Dr. Marston's and Tallifero Wilkinson's farms on the Lightfoot to Centerville road.

Mr. Schulkamp, owner of Green-spring farm, made a proposition to the board to donate the land for a road through that farm, if the county would bear the expense of opening and accept it as a public road. The board accepted the proposition. This road will run a little farther north of the present road, but will relieve the travelling public from the annoyance of opening and closing gates.